he was appointed on probation on a salary of Rs. 250 per mensem. He was found unsuccessful for the work and hence was relieved.

(f) No. But the Factory is in charge of a Foreman. For purposes of administration, it is under the charge of the P. W D.

239. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) having spent so much money on an Industrial concern like the Potteries, whether they have the intention to make it run on most modern lines *in a most* successful manner ;

(b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether they have got any scheme at present with regard to its future working ;

(c) whether they have made enquiries and found out what exactly is the reason for the present unhappy state of affairs so far as the working of the Potteries is concerned and if the reason has been found, what is it;

(d) have the Government any intention to send a student of the State to Europe or Japan to get trained in Potteries ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The experts whom the Government engaged for managing the Potteries were not able to work their schemes out properly.

(d) No.

240. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who is in charge of the Government Potteries now and what is his special qualification so far as Potteries are concerned ;

(b) what are the different kinds of things manufactured now ;

(c) what are the things the Government intended or expected to get manufactured by the Pottery Department when the institution was originally sanctioned ;

(d) if those things are not manufactured now why is it not so;

(e) have the Government made enquiries why the Potteries are a failure so far as it could not turn out the purpose for which it was started ;

(f) have the Government any intention to discontinue the Potteries ;

(g) whether the Potteries will be let on lease, and if so, under what terms ;

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(h) whether anybody has offered so far to take on lease the Potteries, and if so under what terms

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Factory is in charge of a Foreman who is a Licensed Mechanical Engineer and who was trained under the late expert Mr. C. V. Balappa.

For purposes of administration it is under the charge of the P. W. D.

(b) Fire-bricks and Minton tiles.

(c) Principally stoneware pipes, glazed jars, and fire-bricks.

(d) The expert who designed the kiln is no longer in the service and the trials of the late expert Mr. Balappa made for the manufacture of pipes were not reported to have been a success. The work has however since been continued and the efforts made have been reasonably satisfactory.

(e) Vide answer to (d).

(f) No.

(g) & (h). No definite offer has been received as yet. One Mr. E. J. Smith of Calicut visited the Potteries and enquired whether they would be leased to him. He was told that Government will be prepared to lease the Potteries on payment per mensem Rs. 3,500 plus Fire Insurance of the building estimated to cost 2 lakhs of rupees. No reply was received from him afterwards.

Working of the Potteries and the Tanneries.

241. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the question of the future working of the Chalakkudi Pottery and Tanneries has been engaging their attention ; and if so

(b) whether they do not consider the suspension from work of these two Industrial concerns will, in the long run, ruin the machinery and the buildings and depreciate the already deplorable value the Government have received for their money ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The work in the Potteries has not been suspended. The machinery is being made use of and looked after properly.

In regard to the Tanneries Government are considering the question of lease of the Factory.

Nelliampathi Ghat Road.

242. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the progress so far made as regards the opening of the new Nelliampathi Ghat Road and what more time it may take for the completion of the work ?

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